

Notice to Receive Comments

The McConnell & Apple Connectivity Project Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Pleasant Hill Ranger District of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests is available for your review and comments. The EA can be found online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58527> or by contacting the District Office in Clarksville. The Responsible Official for this project is District Ranger Jason Engle.

This project proposes changes to travel management within the project area and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Specific written comments about this project as defined by 36 CFR 218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are sent in a timely manner §218.25(a)(iii).

Comments about this project will be accepted at any time; however, in order to be eligible to file an objection, the comments must be received within 30 days, beginning the day after this publication in *The Johnson County Graphic*. This is the exclusive means for calculating the timeframe in which to submit comments.

For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector §218.25(3)(iii). The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended §218.25(a)(iv).

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to: comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-pleasanthill@usda.gov

To lessen the possibility for transmission of COVID-19, we will not accept hand-delivered comments until further notice. If you have no way to deliver your written comments except in person, or if you have any questions regarding this process, please call (479) 754-2864. Please leave your name, a daytime telephone number, and a brief message. Your call will be returned during our regular business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays).

Submit all written comments to: Jason Engle, District Ranger, 2591 Hwy 21 N. Clarksville, AR. 72830, fax (479-754-3017). Please state "McConnell & Apple Connectivity Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments or on the envelope when replying by mail.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Matt Pfeifler at the District Ranger's Office in Clarksville, Arkansas at (479) 754-2864.